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## Abilene's New Post-office to Be Built Soon

George A. Shaul of Seneca, Kansas has received the contract for erecting the new postoffice building at a cost of \$61,570.00 and is to complete the work by July 1, 1914.

This information came today to Postmaster Harger in an official notice from the treasury department inclosing some instructions for the superintendent of construction, indicating that work will commence soon. The contractor will have to give a bond of \$31,000 and he is allowed one extra month over

the original plans because of the delay in letting the contract. No Abilene contractor placed a bid.

The government has leased the building in which the post office is situated at present and this building will be occupied until the new building is completed. The office has been repapered and presents a much improved appearance. O. H. Pinkham, owner of the building will also extend the grill above the fixtures to the ceiling so that the lobby may be left open holidays, Sundays, and later in the evening.



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Abraham Lincoln and the Flag in whose defense he laid down his life. The Nation this day is celebrating his birth anniversary. Long may his deeds live in the hearts of his countrymen.



## Solomon Scene of Another Store Robbery

When it comes to the robbery business the little town of Solomon is about as near up to date as is found in the country. Robbers entered the Bailey mercantile store last night through the window in the rear door, loaded an automobile with about \$700 in silks and shoes and got away without leaving any clues for identification. Between 1 and 2 o'clock last night some farmers living west of town say they saw some one taking goods out of an auto and putting them into a wagon—more than that nothing is known. When the store opened for business this morning the robbery was discovered and Sheriff Haasler was at once notified. He sent for the blood hounds at Concordia and got on the track but late this afternoon the dogs had not been able to locate anything that looked like it had walked off with the goods.

The horse thief association is also working on the job and a large number of farmers have offered their services in helping to locate the thieves.

Auto tracks were found a short distance west of Solomon this morning where it seemed that the auto had gone to the side of the road to pass a rig of some kind and at this place a pair of shoes taken from the store was found. Other shoes have been found in different localities west of town but the sheriff has thought that these may be decoys.

A special effort is being made to locate the men who broke into the store last night for it is pretty definitely settled now that some organized gang is at work in robbing the Solomon stores. Only a few weeks ago the Sullivan store was robbed of several hundred dollars' worth of goods. Two men were arrested for the work but they were acquitted because the officers had no evidence against them. The Sullivan store was robbed once earlier in the fall and a jewelry store was robbed about the same time.

Solomon has a marshal but he is not on duty at night and there is no night watch to keep the robbers from entering stores there at will.

## New Industries Want to Come to Abilene

The Commercial club has its eye on a hospital, canning factory and artificial gas plant and committees have been appointed to track these things down. A few days ago the Dkys brothers of Lebanon were here looking for a hospital site. Both of the men are well known doctors of the state—one of them being the secretary of the state board of health. The Commercial club last night expressed itself as in full sympathy toward any move for the building of the hospital and has appointed a committee to take up the hospital matter.

The club also appointed a committee to take up the proposition of a canning factory with the farmers between Abilene and Solomon. The farmers have had the proposition under consideration for some time and are pushing it as a market for their products. They have also been discussing a central market for their water melons and sweet potatoes and several business men suggested in the meeting last night that Abilene lease and give free of rent to the canning factory the building now occupied by the wholesale grocery. If the grocery is not moved from Abilene then it was the opinion of

a number of the members that some other building should be secured for the factory.

Solomon has been after the factory and a committee from both Abilene and Solomon will meet with the farmers at Sand Springs tonight to take up the proposition with them.

The Commercial club also passed a resolution last night urging the city commissioners to get together on a proposition for lighting the Abilene streets.

J. J. Donelan, representative of the artificial gas company at Manhattan, was not able to stay in town for the meeting last night but his proposition was put before the club and the club expressed itself as willing to call a special meeting at any time to hear him. Mr. Donelan spoke before the Commercial club at Junction City last night and will be here soon to present a full account of his plant to the business men of Abilene.

The committee which will present Abilene's claims for the canning factory at the meeting at Sand Springs tonight is: J. M. Walters, W. H. Broughton, R. M. White, George Roemer and J. D. Shepherd.

### COULDN'T PASS PIG PEN BILL.

But Houtz Gave the House a Lot of Fun.

Representative Houtz had a pet bill which he brought before the house last Saturday regulating the position of pig pens within the state in relation to the cities thereof. The city of Solomon has been bothered by a pig pen near the city limits which has not exactly measured up to the pure food regulations and Mr. Houtz was attempting to give the city police power over the pen. He found before he got through with the bill that it would mix things up considerably. A Topeka dispatch says:

The house of representatives had fun in the afternoon session with a bill introduced by Representative Houtz of Dickinson county regulating pig pens. The town of Solomon has near a big pig pen that is not kept in a sanitary condition. Mr. Houtz wanted the legislature to permit Solomon to extend its police powers so that the pig pen could be regulated. It would be a special law and unconstitutional, so an amendment was offered prohibiting anyone harboring pigs in pens within a mile of any city. Then it was discovered that the measure would hit from ten to one hundred farmers whose properties adjoin every city in Kansas or come within a mile of the city limits and the bill was dropped as if it contained dynamite.

### HOPE ORDERS NEW FIRE FIGHTING APPARATUS.

Hope had its first real fire last week and before the debris had quit burning the city dads had purchased new fire fighting apparatus. It consists of a motor fire engine, capable of throwing two streams of water over the highest church steeple in town, with handles so that should anything get wrong with the motor the engine can be pumped by hand same as the old engine which has done such good work in the past, but which is practically worn out.

Besides this engine they purchased a 50 gallon chemical fire extinguisher, mounted on a cart, which one man can grab and hike to a fire at the first alarm.

Besides these new engines they expect to have 1000 feet of hose, which will enable the firemen to reach from two to three blocks from large cisterns.

The next thing will be to build additional cisterns in various parts of the city, and Hope will soon be much better protected from fire than heretofore.—Hope Dispatch.

### SLAUGHTERING THE BILLS.

House Judiciary Committee Killing Them by Hundreds.

Topeka, Feb. 11.—The judiciary committee in the house is slaughtering bills by the hundred. Here is one day's work of that committee: Thirty bills reported back, twenty-six with the recommendation that they be not passed, two with the recommendation that they be passed and two with no committee recommendation.

"That is about the way our report runs ever day," said Chairman J. M. Orr. "I kill many times the number of bills we recommend for passage. The slaughter will be greater as the session nears an end. We have to kill a lot of these bills or we never will get through."

### WHAT THE WEBB BILL IS

The Webb Bill which passed the senate yesterday has practically the same provisions as the Kenyon bill.

It forbids the shipment of liquor to dealers in any dry state.

It gives state authorities the right to investigate the intent of the shipper of every consignment of liquor into a prohibition state.

For example, a shipment of liquor is made from Kansas City to Abilene. The Kansas authorities can seize this liquor the moment it crosses the state line or anywhere else in the state and require the shipper to prove that the man to whom it is shipped in Abilene is buying it for his personal use. It will enable the Kansas authorities to seize every shipment of liquor made into the state if they so desire and compel the liquor dealers to produce evidence that it is for private, personal use.

### BILL PUTS BAN ON THE "KEG PARTIES"

Topeka, Feb. 11.—The "keg party" bill introduced by J. W. Hamm of Allen county, was recommended for passage by the house committee of the whole yesterday. This measure grew out of arrests made at Iowa a year ago when a keg party was raided. The case finally reached the supreme court and the court held that there was nothing in the law to prevent friends chipping in, ordering a case of beer and gathering to drink it, providing they did not create a disturbance.

The Hamm bill provides a penalty of \$100 fine or thirty days in jail for persons who are convicted of "chipping in" the funds, ordering a case of beer or other intoxicating drinks and gathering to take of them. The house did not object to that kind of legislation. In fact a big majority of the members favored it.

### A BIG VICTORY AT SCUTARI.

Montenegrins Capture Hill Dominating Turk Fortress.

Podgoritz, Montenegro, Feb. 11.—The Montenegrin army besieging the Turkish fortress of Scutari carried the great Bardenjoli Hill by assault at 10:30 yesterday morning, after several hours of severe fighting.

The infantrymen on several occasions came into such close quarters that hand-to-hand fighting was general along the line.

Bardenjoli Hill dominates Scutari from the eastern side and the Montenegrins are mounting siege guns on the heights to bombard the principal points of the city.

Fighting has been going all since early morning all around the city. The Turkish defenders are disputing the ground against the besiegers with fierce determination and courage.

Cettinje, Montenegro, Feb. 11.—The capture of Bardenjoli Hill at Scutari by the Montenegrins cost the victors twenty-five hundred men killed and wounded.

The Turks left four thousand men dead and wounded on their field of battle.

### GOOD TO LIVE IN ABILENE.

Stock Comes Often and Men Live to Old Age.

The stork has again clipped off a rapid gait and left the grim reaper far behind. Sixteen times the stork lit in the vicinity of Abilene during the first month of the new year and left a mark for his visit. Nine times he left girls and seven times he left boys.

Ten times death knocked on the door in the same community—seven times he took males and three times females. Outside the death of two infants the average age of those who died was 66 years. Last month took several of Abilene's oldest and most prominent citizens.

### DEPUTY ASSESSORS TO MEET.

Discuss Plans Before Beginning the Work Over County.

County Assessor Ciose has called a little convention of the deputy assessors of the county for consultation at the court house for Tuesday, February 25. At this time the assessors will get their heads together on the value of every line of property which is to come under their surveillance and will also be coached in the game. On March 1 they begin their work in every precinct of the county. R. A. Baker, former assessor of Hayes township and reappointed this year, has resigned and J. Reel has been appointed to take his place.

## Constructive Banking

That expresses the working spirit of the Abilene National Bank. Our success is a measure of our depositors' prosperity.

Therefore, we do all in our power to serve them well, often going out of our way to help customers with their own business problems.

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ABILENE KANSAS

### TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY.

The Honorable Guy T. Helvering, congressman-elect from the Fifth district, came to town today. A young army of Democrats who have aspiration for the postoffice appointment met him at the train dressed in their best bibs and tuckers.

And it may be added that quite a number of the fellows who met him this morning with enthusiastic shouts—Oh Helvering—are putting the accent decidedly on the first syllable this afternoon.

The hotel men at Topeka are complaining of the "Democratic farmers" who were elected to the legislature last fall. Many of these "Democratic farmers" have brought their wives with them, are doing light housekeeping and are telling the extravagant hotels to go to.

It can hardly be said that Joe is "doing light housekeeping"—his is a simple "batching" stunt. He finds its mighty hard to be compelled to rush home after a hard day's work in the senate chamber and fry his own spuds for supper, but Joe is determined not to get exposed to any of "them city airs" and he's sticking it out. Joe sure knows how to pull strong with his country constituents.

A bill has been introduced in the Missouri house prohibiting all females from wearing garments that button up the back unless the buttons are above the size of a 25-cent piece. And we have been thinking all the time that no good thing could come out of Missouri.

The commercial club at Lawrence is taking great pride in "a very significant letter" from Ambury, Illinois, in which it is given credit for being the liveliest organization in the west. In the meantime the people of Kansas are wondering what in thunder that club is going to cut out its bluff and get some decent water for the students of the university. Kansas has been pouring hundreds of thousands of dollars into Kansas university every year for a good long time and the city of Lawrence has been dishing out slop to the students who have been sent there to school. Right now the water company has a big damage suit on its hands in which it is charged with killing a whole family through typhoid germs in its dirty water. Every few weeks the chancellor of the university is compelled to warn the students not to drink the water until it has been boiled. The people of Kansas who are paying out their good money to keep Lawrence on the map and who are sending their sons and daughters there to school would be much obliged to the Lawrence commercial club if these "significant letters" could be kept under their hats and something done to furnish pure water for the student body.

### BOUQUETS AND BRICK BATS

It may be added that besides being mighty proud of Sand Springs water Abilene "points with pride" to the length of life of her citizens. Our people are born young and they die old. Last month ten of our citizens heard the call of the reaper and outside of two infants the average age of those who died was 66 years. It's such a fine place to live here that our people hate to change their residence to the other side of the river.

It wasn't a funeral that drew such a large crowd of representative Kansans to Wichita yesterday—it was the annual convention of the Kansas postmasters. It was a very sad affair, however.

Herington is the latest town to lay claim to relationship with the freak at Holsington who hasn't cut his hair or shaved since Bryan lost in his first race for the presidency. And Herington is welcome to all the consolation it can get out of it.

The editor of the Dispatch, a Socialist paper at Dexter, has opened his columns for a discussion of Socialism to Colonel Bill Hackney. Tom McNeal says: The colonel opens up with a mild article in which he strongly intimates as a sort of preliminary that the editor of the Dispatch should be hung. As the discussion warms up we expect to see Bill recommend something more or less drastic.

Here's grief enough for one day. A New York woman before she died asked that her son and his fiancée be married before she was placed in the tomb. Standing by the side of the casket with their relatives grouped about them the young people were undergoing the wedding ordeal when the old man (who had his handkerchief to his eyes) felt something tugging at the wad in his trouser pocket. He let out a howl of "thief" and the guests fell on two strangers who had come to see the ceremony. Answering the riot call the police found one of the thieves unconscious and the mourners sitting on the other. Quiet was restored after which they passed around the bier.

### Advertised Mail.

For week ending February 10th: Letters: Alberton Blair, Mrs. Lydia Carter, Farm Curran, J. C. Hummer, L. H. Marshall, Mrs. Gertrude Rebrick. Cards: Miss Francis Burkholder, Miss Gertrude Engle, Joe Kirtill, John F. Klinefelter, I. B. Mittan, Mrs. Gertrude Robinson, J. G. Seeglinger, W. B. Shaffer, Warren Wilbur, J. C. Willis. C. M. HARGER, P. M.